

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 5, 16, 25, 36, 47, 51, 84, 85 and 86, have been amended and new claims 87-91 have been added. No new matter is presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the amended and new claims are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 5, 6, 16, 25, 26, 36, 47, 51 and 83-91 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 5, 6, 16, 25, 26, 36, 47, 51 and 83-86 are rejected.

ITEM 3: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 5, 6, 16, 25, 26, 36, 47, 51 and 83-86 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) FOR ANTICIPATION BY JAHAGIRDAR ET AL. (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,125,286)

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Jahagirdar et al. fails to teach or suggest an electronic equipment which may function as a status display control unit as described and claimed herein and, more particularly, including both auxiliary and main display sections and in which the auxiliary display section is provided (or located) at a position such that the contents displayed on the auxiliary display section are visible together with the contents displayed on the main display section, in a state in which a lid member is in an open state.

According to Jahagirdar et al., FIG. 3, when the housing portion 306 is in an open state, only one of the display area 320 (corresponding to the main display section of the present invention) and the display area 318 (corresponding to the auxiliary display section of the present invention) is visible, as may be seen from FIG. 3. Indeed, the reference emphasizes at col. 3, lines 1-15 that when a user views the display area 320 and any visual information displayed therein, the display area 318 and any visual information thereon is obstructed from view because of the particular orientations of those display areas; arrows 320 and 322 in FIG. 3 illustrate the viewing angles for viewing the respective display areas 318 and 320 and graphically illustrate the incapability of viewing the two at the same time. (See also, col. 2, line 56 – col. 3, line 15 directed to the FIG. 1 embodiment - - and which explains as well the FIG. 3 embodiment).

In accordance with the foregoing, the independent claims 5, 16, 25, 36, 47 and 51 have been amended to recite:

...the auxiliary display section being visible in a state in which the lid member is in the closed position and being visible together with the main display section in a state in which the lid member is in the open state.

(Emphasis added).

The present invention, accordingly, patentably distinguishes over the Jahagirdar et al. reference which teaches altogether contrary conditions to those afforded by the claimed structure of the present invention, as specified hereinabove.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing has demonstrated the clear patentability of the invention as claimed herein over the reference and rejections of record.


If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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